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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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1513, 1st. St. W.
Calgary, Sept. 18th

My own darling boy,

Your five letters of the 12th, 14th & the post cards & cheques for H.B.Co. the one for [Ross], Torla's convent & the \$50.00 one for myself have reached me safely. I was surprised when you say you have not received the [beef] a/c etc - for I sent them to you the first week of the month & thought you had sent cheques direct - will look up the daily bills & give you the amounts if possible. Strange where they can have gone to! I am sure you had a most delightful time at the Sniders & am so pleased you saw them all, for I know what pleasure it would give him to see you again & talk over matters & the family

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to make your acquaintance.

Mrs. [Gardiner] has two daughters here, one is, I believe in Gertrude's class & knows her well. I wish they would start S.H. as soon as you would like it as it would be fine for you in every way. I will attend to all the cheques the first thing tomorrow, Saturday morning - this is my day & I have not ceased work one moment, so as to get things ready. My helpers do not know how to do anything in that line & it gives me little leisure.

If Torla's teeth are not fixed she will not be likely to come home at Xmas, being so anxious to have them well done. I have so far not mentioned the topic & hope she may change her mind - what she says is of course, true, but she may feel more reconciled after a time. Her other relations are peculiar & she

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feels that when Grandma leaves, she loses her best friend down there & it is certainly the case. The letter from Genl. Macd. came safely & I shall put it away carefully.

I had a very nice letter from Tilsey this morning - she has enjoyed her stay with us & it did her good - then the welcome she got on her homecoming pleased her immensely - she made a lot of friends who will be glad to see her when she comes again & it made her feel as if somebody cared for her. Tillie treats her in such a disagreeable way that she feels it very keenly - she much prefers strangers to Tilsey & lets her see it at every opportunity.

Mrs. Hope, the old lady died a short time ago & of course, they came into a lot of money. [Connie] made a good match & she has her [fling] has she not? good for her, for she could not be happy without it.

The lovely long letter telling of all your doings at the Portage was very much enjoyed, I assure you. The houses you visited must be comfortable in every way. He (Snider) is fond of you I have no doubt & could entertain you. Is not the gramophone a fine thing for folks in the country who seldom have the opportunity of hearing good music. I remember the Garlands you mention & the suit too - she had a daughter married a few weeks ago. Every person here is interested in the moves & app's on hand - I shall be so pleased when the affairs are settled. Sifton will be in the cabinet again, so that those near you will have friends at court. The application going in will hurry things up a bit.

I am sorry the letter containing a/c is lost as it was a long one & in it were Draper's (Grovers) a/c Freezer & Butchers - will find

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out accounts or have them duplicated - it must have been in that letter that I mentioned about the furnace not being fixed yet, as you have never alluded to it. I also sent a long letter of mothers you have never mentioned - surely I put sufficient postage on it! It is very aggravating as surely the Dead letter office would send it back if it went there for insufficient postage?

Yes, [Thiel] who was in Pretoria was a cousin of Miss Thiel, Mrs. Talbot's aunt: that is where you heard the name.

I had a number of callers - Mrs. Barten, Miss [Nellie] Lee, Mrs. [Nolan] & her sister, Mrs. Lilly, Mrs. & Miss [Thomasen], Mrs. (Col.) Walker, Miss Boulanger, Mrs. Biddell, Capt. & Mrs. Deane, the latter looking most charming & happy.

Poor Jack Hall is not expected

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not expected to live through the night. He had a stroke of apoplexy when leaving for the east as I told you - was doing well, but has taken a bad turn we were told this afternoon. It is terribly sudden & so sad, poor fellow!

We had a very enjoyable evening at Mrs. Macdonell's on Wednesday, but will have to leave telling you for another time, as the mail will be leaving in a few moments.

God bless you, my darling - will write again on Sunday. All join in much love & many sweet kisses my own darling.

As ever

Your own devoted, warmhearted little wifie,

Maye.

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